

In claim 21, lines 1-2, please replace "according to any one of claims 17 to 21" with --according to claim 17--.

In claim 31, line 1, please replace "according to claim 28, 29 or 30" with --according to claim 28--.

In claim 32, line 1, please replace "according to claim 28, 29 or 30" with --according to claim 28.--

In claim 34, line 1, please replace "according to claim 32 or 33" with --according to claim 32--.

In claim 35, line 1, please replace "according to claim 32 or 33" with --according to claim 32--.

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to insert an abstract page into the application and to remove multiple dependencies from the following claims: 7, 11, 16, 21, 31-32 and 34-35.

Applicant respectfully requests that this preliminary amendment be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

Figure 1 consists of 15 sub-graphs labeled (a) through (o), each showing the percentage of total catch for a specific fish species in the Kuroshio region from January to December. The x-axis for all graphs is 'Month' (1-12). The y-axis is 'Percentage of total catch'.

- (a) *Clupea pallasii*: Y-axis 0-100. Peak in April (~80%).
- (b) *Engraulis mordax*: Y-axis 0-100. Peak in April (~80%).
- (c) *Gadus macrocephalus*: Y-axis 0-100. Peak in April (~80%).
- (d) *Gadus macrocephalus*: Y-axis 0-100. Peak in April (~80%).
- (e) *Gadus macrocephalus*: Y-axis 0-100. Peak in April (~80%).
- (f) *Gadus macrocephalus*: Y-axis 0-100. Peak in April (~80%).
- (g) *Gadus macrocephalus*: Y-axis 0-100. Peak in April (~80%).
- (h) *Gadus macrocephalus*: Y-axis 0-100. Peak in April (~80%).
- (i) *Gadus macrocephalus*: Y-axis 0-100. Peak in April (~80%).
- (j) *Gadus macrocephalus*: Y-axis 0-100. Peak in April (~80%).
- (k) *Gadus macrocephalus*: Y-axis 0-100. Peak in April (~80%).
- (l) *Gadus macrocephalus*: Y-axis 0-100. Peak in April (~80%).
- (m) *Gadus macrocephalus*: Y-axis 0-100. Peak in April (~80%).
- (n) *Gadus macrocephalus*: Y-axis 0-100. Peak in April (~80%).
- (o) *Gadus macrocephalus*: Y-axis 0-100. Peak in April (~80%).

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